

SENATE RECORD VOTE ANALYSIS

104th Congress
1st Session

Vote No. 93

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BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT/Simple Majority to Increase Debt Limit

SUBJECT: A Resolution Proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution of the United States . . . H.J. Res. 1. Hatch motion to table the Byrd amendment No. 254.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE AGREED TO, 68-32

SYNOPSIS: Pertinent votes on this legislation include Nos. 62-63, 65-92, and 94-98.

As passed by the House, H.J. Res. 1, a resolution proposing a Balanced Budget Amendment to the Constitution, is virtually identical to the balanced budget constitutional amendment that was considered last year by the Senate (see 103d Congress, second session, vote Nos. 47-48). The resolution: will require a three-fifths majority vote of both Houses of Congress to deficit spend or to increase the public debt limit; will require the President's annual proposed budget submission to be in balance; and will require a majority of the whole number of each House to approve any bill to increase revenue. Congress will be allowed to waive these requirements for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. Congress will enforce and implement this amendment by appropriate legislation. The amendment will take effect in fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later. The States will have 7 years to ratify the amendment.

The Byrd amendment would strike the provision in the resolution stating that the limit on the total debt held by the public may be increased only if three-fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress provide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote, and would replace it with a provision allowing the limit to be raised by simple majority votes.

Debate was limited by unanimous consent. Senator Hatch moved to table the Byrd amendment. Generally, those favoring the motion to table opposed the amendment; those opposing the motion to table favored the amendment.

NOTE: The debate on vote Nos. 92, 93, and 95 was en bloc.

For debate, see vote No. 92.

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YEAS (68)			NAYS (32)		NOT VOTING (0)	
Republicans (53 or 100%)	Democrats (15 or 32%)		Republicans (0 or 0%)	Democrats (32 or 68%)	Republicans (0)	Democrats (0)
Abraham	Hutchison	Baucus		Akaka		
Ashcroft	Inhofe	Bingaman		Biden		
Bennett	Jeffords	Bryan		Boxer		
Bond	Kassebaum	Campbell		Bradley		
Brown	Kempthorne	Conrad		Breaux		
Burns	Kyl	Exon		Bumpers		
Chafee	Lott	Feinstein		Byrd		
Coats	Lugar	Harkin		Daschle		
Cochran	Mack	Heflin		Dodd		
Cohen	McCain	Kohl		Dorgan		
Coverdell	McConnell	Moseley-Braun		Feingold		
Craig	Murkowski	Nunn		Ford		
D'Amato	Nickles	Reid		Glenn		
DeWine	Packwood	Robb		Graham		
Dole	Pressler	Simon		Hollings		
Domenici	Roth			Inouye		
Faircloth	Santorum					
Frist	Shelby					
Gorton	Simpson					
Gramm	Smith					
Grams	Snowe					
Grassley	Specter					
Gregg	Stevens					
Hatch	Thomas					
Hatfield	Thompson					
Helms	Thurmond					
	Warner					

EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

1—Official Business
2—Necessarily Absent
3—Illness
4—Other

SYMBOLS:

AY—Announced Yea
AN—Announced Nay
PY—Paired Yea
PN—Paired Nay